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Case Management Training Sets Foundation for Future

A recent training for BCCCP case management providers titled, "Building Case Management: Next Steps," has set the foundation for future training of staff tasked with providing case management. The training was provided by the Case Management Institute, a Division of Connecticut Community Care, Inc., who specialize in training for health care professionals. Attendees were taught the foundations of case management practice and received a training manual with information on the functions of case management including: assessment, planning, monitoring, women and cancer,



Gaining skills in case management - Trainers, Sue Walker, (left) and Terry Sullivan are working with two of the case management training attendees on exercises to enhance learning.

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Compliance Unit Provides Support

The Administrative Compliance Unit of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) has just completed the process of re-organizing to improve direct support for contractors. During the past three months, BCCCP has put together a compliance team dedicated to assisting providers in accomplishing program performance indicators and other program requirements. The unit, headed by Claudia Himes,

R.N., Nurse Consultant, includes Public Health Technicians June Browning, Constance Holloway, Codie Prinz, Vince Crawley, and Contract Specialist Kathy Kokel. One of the first objectives of the new compliance unit is to evaluate the monitoring and coordination of BCCCP provider quality assurance activities. The accessibility of consultative and technical assistance

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BCCCP Briefs



New Website For Mammography Program

The FDA has established a new website for the mammography program. This site is located at: <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/mammography>. The site can answer your Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) questions. The site features the Policy Guidance Help System available to assist mammography facilities comply with MQSA regulations.



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Local Changes

Please write or call Lisa Bishop, Administrative Technician, at (800) 452-1955 with **ANY** changes in local telephone numbers, personnel or service delivery sites. *Thank you.*

Milestone Awards Announced

The Milestone Award is presented quarterly to providers in recognition of exceptional program performance. The criteria for the award varies from achieving data indicator statistics to creative outreach efforts. Providers are grouped by size (small, medium, large) according to the number of clients served. Three awards are

presented each quarter, one to each size provider group.

This awards covers the 1st and 2nd quarters from September 1, 1999 through February 29, 2000. The award is presented to providers with the **highest percentage of women ages 50-64** receiving a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded mammogram.

Small

Jasper-Newton County Public Health District..... 95.2%

Medium

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas..... 95.8%

Large

University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston 91%

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communication skills, community needs and resources and working with medically underserved clients. In addition, case management provider staff participated in a half day of training on implementation of BCCCP case management policies. Information from the two day training will be used to develop future training materials and a curriculum for all BCCCP providers. Development of the training materials and curriculum will take place during fiscal year 2001.

The trainers from the Case Management Institute were experienced in keeping the participants engaged. In addition to exercises that enhanced learning, participants were given the opportunity to use skills gained in case study situations. If you would like copies of training materials, or other information regarding case management training, contact Karen Knox, (800) 452-1955.

Mission

The mission of the Texas Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program is to reduce the impact of breast and cervical cancer in Texas by promoting access to quality information, screening, diagnosis and treatment in Texas communities.

Goal

The goal of the Texas Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program is to reduce premature mortality from breast cancer and cervical cancer in Texas.

Ask the Expert



Can repeat Pap tests be billed to Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)? Do you have to do a clinical breast examination with each Pap test?



A repeat Pap test can be billed to BCCCP. However, each Pap test will start a new cervical cancer screening cycle and must be reported on a separate D-19 form. A clinical breast examination is needed only once a year, therefore a repeat Pap test would not necessarily require another clinical breast examination. BCCCP will introduce a new cervical cancer screening policy later this year. Watch *Commitment* for information regarding the new policy and related Program changes.

Don't forget, you can submit your own questions on any subject related to the program such as nursing, case management, billing, data or outreach. Send questions to Clare Wolf, Information Specialist, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3199.

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services (through correspondence and phone calls) will help BCCCP providers better achieve their goals and allow providers to continue to implement access to quality screening and diagnostic services to the women in their communities. The Administrative Compliance Unit looks forward to a beneficial

partnership with BCCCP providers. Look for a letter from BCCCP regarding the primary contact person for your agency. If you would like more information contact Claudia Himes, R.N., Nurse Consultant, or Codie Prinz, Public Health Technician, at (800) 452-1955.

BCCCP Welcomes New Staff



The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) welcomes two new staff members. Shana Quintanilla (left) joined BCCCP as an Administrative Technician and Clare Wolf (right) is the new Information Specialist. You can contact any staff member at (800) 452-1955.

STAR Recruiting

The National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP) is encouraging minority women to participate in its upcoming Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene (STAR) trial. The results of these trials will build on the results of a previous trial, which showed Tamoxifen can reduce the risk for breast cancer in women who are considered high risk.

NSABP is increasing its efforts to get more minority women to participate in this study on breast cancer prevention. Previous studies in women's health have included very few minority participants. According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), only 4% of the 4,600 women currently enrolled in STAR are minorities.

STAR plans to enroll 22,000 women to see if Raloxifene can accomplish the same results as Tamoxifen. There are more than 500 centers across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada participating in STAR. To be eligible for the trial, a woman must be at least 35, postmenopausal, and be at an increased risk for breast cancer due to a combination of her age, family history of the disease, personal medical history, age at her first period, and age when she had her first child.

For more information about STAR contact NCI's Cancer Information Service at (800) 422-6237, or visit NCI's website at <http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov>. NSABP's website address is <http://www.nsabp.pitt.edu>.

Top Ten Public Health Achievements

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced their *Top Ten Great Public Health Achievements* (in the United States) spanning the past 100 years. The impact of these achievements has enabled people to live healthier and longer lives. During the 20th Century, the average life-span of persons in the United States lengthened by greater than 30 years, with 25 years of this gain attributed to achievements in public health.

The achievements listed were chosen on the basis of their opportunity for prevention and their impact on death, illness, and disability in the United States. Here are the top ten achievements (not listed in any special order):

- Vaccination
- Motor-vehicle safety
- Safer Workplaces
- Control of infectious diseases
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke
- Safer and healthier foods
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Family planning
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard

For more information on these topics and other health related topics, visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/eop/mmwr>.

Important Dates

June

June 1 - Contract Award Notices to Providers for FY 2001

June 3 - Osteoporosis Conference - Houston, Call (512) 458-7534

June 19 - Emancipation Day
Skeleton Crew at State Office

July

July 4 - Independence Day
State Office Closed

Texas BCCCP*

Women Served:
121,488

Breast Screenings:
157,552

Cervical Screenings:
114,701

Breast Cancers:
817

Cervical Carcinoma in situ:
1,680

Invasive Cervical Cancer:
58

Rescreening
37%

Women 50 - 64
87%

*As of May 4, 2000

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